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DCI BRIEFING  
FOR THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

GUATEMALA

I. There is a split within the Peralta military regime over the choice of an official presidential candidate for this year's elections.

A. Military and political groups, even those close to the government, are disgruntled by Peralta's tactics, apparently designed to retain his effective control over a successor government.

1. No group is presently strong enough to seriously challenge Peralta but the increasing political tensions are encouraging to the Cuban-supported guerrillas who remain well-organized and capable of terrorist actions despite a stepped-up government campaign against them.

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